Produce Safety Rule - Grower Training Course





The Arizona Department of Agriculture-Citrus, Fruit and Vegetable Standardization is hosting a **Produce Safety Rule Grower Training Course** on **THURSDAY AUG 23**, **2018 from 7:30AM-5:00PM**, at the University of Arizona **YUMA AGRICULTURAL CENTER** located at 6425 W. 8th St. in Yuma, AZ. We would like to invite Arizona Growers, Harvesters, Packers, Cooler/Holders and any others interested to attend. Please fill out the attached **Registration Form** and return by email to Norman Barnett at Norman Barnett@azda.gov or fax it to 602-542-0898. A confirmation will be sent to you when we receive your registration form.

** A registration fee of \$30 (Thirty dollars) will be collected at the door by cash or check to cover the cost of training materials, provide breakfast refreshments and your lunch. Checks are to be made payable to the: **UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA.**

NOTE: Class size is limited to a maximum of 30 attendees. Non-registered walk-ins run the risk of being turned away, so please <u>pre-register to guarantee attendance</u>. Once the class is full, there will be a waiting list for our next available training. Additionally to obtain a Certificate of completion, attendee(s) must be present for the entire class.

The Food Safety Grower Training curriculum was developed through a nationwide collaboration including produce growers, extension educators, researchers, produce industry representatives, and government personnel.

Who Should Attend?

The Grower Training Course is for fruit and vegetable Growers, Harvesters, Packers, Cooler/Holders and others interested in learning about the Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) Produce Safety Rule (PSR), Good Agricultural Practices (GAPs), co-management of natural resources, produce safety & food safety.

The course is one way to satisfy the FSMA Produce Safety Rule requirement outlined in CFR 21-112.22(c) that requires 'At least one supervisor or responsible party from your farm must have successfully completed a food safety training at least equivalent to that received under standardized curriculum recognized by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA)."

The Deliverable:

The course will teach attendees who manage food safety programs and/or food safety professionals the requirements of the *Produce Safety Rule*. The personnel responsible for food safety will then take the course information back to their respective operations and implement the necessary Produce Safety Rule requirements. The food safety professional can then ensure their operation understands and implements the practices outlined in the FSMA Produce Safety Rule. The course will also help the food safety professional define the specific backup documentation that will be needed to comply with the *Produce Safety Rule*.

Please contact Norman Barnett at 602-542-0978 with any questions or concerns.

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